

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Washington, D.C., May 2, 1990

**Journal** President Howard Baden called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. David Norris, Editor of the Journal, presented the final report of the ad hoc Committee to Negotiate the Elsevier Contract. The new contract contains very favorable financial arrangements including a guaranteed minimum royalty, larger editorial stipend, greater page allotment, and royalty calculated on gross profits. President Baden thanked the committee for its work in negotiating a successful contract and discharged the committee.

David Norris presented the Editor's Report, which included data on submission rates, new appointments to the Editorial Board, and development of the "fast-track" for papers requiring an accelerated review process (see Editor's Report for 1990). There was discussion regarding possible ways to improve the reviewers' comments. Finally, David Norris announced that Jean Marx had resigned as writer of "In This Issue" and that the Editorial Office would now produce it. Janet Bailey, Elsevier Science Publishing, presented the publisher's report and announced that Dalia Ritter had resigned her position and interviews for a replacement are underway. There was discussion about the conflict of interest that exists because of the fact that Elsevier is publishing both the Journal of Investigative Dermatology and the new Japanese journal. Janet Bailey explained that Elsevier's Amsterdam office, which is publishing the Japanese journal, intended to promote that journal to mainly institutional rather than to individual subscribers. She also reviewed institutional subscription rates, plans for promotion and advertising, and the plans for implementing manuscript submission on computer disk in the future.

## Committees

**Ad Hoc Committee on Research:** The Society has allocated \$25,000 for support of programs to increase research funding. This has been linked to the Council on Research of the American Academy of Dermatology and the funds are being used to defray part of the stipend paid to John Grupenhoff and to pay the salary of a part-time consultant, Michael Stern, who has been hired to assist in organizing the activities of the patient advocacy groups pertinent to skin diseases. These funds have become available because of the Board's decision to discontinue funding of the research fellowship for a minimum of one year and to strengthen the Society's support of activities aimed at increasing the funding of biomedical research.

David Bickers and Howard Baden outlined the efforts of the patient advocate groups. Howard Baden stressed the importance of the Society's involvement in the political process. As the Society's representative to the Academy's Council on Research, he outlined that body's activities in this regard. President Baden proposed a motion that one long-term goal of the Society should be to support efforts to garner more research funding and to make government relations a responsibility of a standing committee of the Society, namely, a Committee on Government and Public Relations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Barbara Gilchrest then made a motion to defer a decision to fund the Society's research fellowship in 1991 until the December board meeting, when we would be in a better position to assess the financial situation of the Society. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

John Grupenhoff, government liaison, updated the Board on the

status of the NIAMS Coalition's effort to obtain a special appropriation of \$50 million, and he stated that the skin-disease patient advocate groups had been very effective in this regard.

Robert A. Goldstein and Stephen M. Rose then joined the meeting, having been invited by President-elect, Irma Gigli, to describe the research programs of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases that are relevant to cutaneous biology. This was very informative and very much appreciated.

J. Graham Smith, Jr., President of the American Academy of Dermatology, Irwin Freedberg and Lowell Goldsmith, Council on Research of the Academy, updated the Board on the Council's activities.

**Ad Hoc Committee to Select a New Editor:** Paul Bergstresser, chairman of the Committee, updated the Board on the Committee's activities. An advertisement has been placed in the Journal, and all academic departments have been contacted to solicit nominations. A meeting of the Committee was to be held in Washington.

**Committee on Finance:** The report by the Committee on Finance was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

**Audit Committee:** The report of the Audit Committee was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

**Committee on Public Relations:** Because the activities of the Committee had been suspended, the Board decided to request that the Committee on Public Relations assist the ad hoc Committee on Research in its lobbying efforts. An amendment to the by-laws will be presented to the membership to change the name of the Committee on Public Relations to the Committee on Government and Public Relations.

New committee members of the Society were selected as follows: Committee on Membership, Kevin Cooper; Committee on Scientific Programs, Thomas Kupper; Committee on Finances, Neal Penneys and Luis Diaz; Committee on Nominations, Al Briggaman; Auditing Committee, retain as in 1989/90; Committee on Goals, no new appointments; Committee on Public Relations, Howard Baden, Howard Koh; Executive Committee, Barbara Gilchrest as Board representative. New committee members of the Society's ad hoc committees were selected as follows: Committee on Honorary Membership, George Odland; Committee on Residents and Fellows, Richard Gallo and Mina Yaar; Committee to Select a New Editor, no change; Committee on Research Affairs, to be merged with Committee on Public Relations; Committee on JID Endowment, no change; Committee on Intersociety Planning,

**Table I.** Attendance at Annual Meetings

Year	Number Attending
1984	651
1985	665 (Joint International Meeting)
1986	664
1987	500
1988	600
1989	1200 (Tricontinental Meeting)
1990	930

**Table II.** Society for Investigative Dermatology Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1989

<b>Assets</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash, SID	\$182,169
Cash, JID endowment	238,804
Cash, Kanof Fund	2,046
Cash, Named Funds	146,605
Prepaid expenses	417
Total current assets	\$570,041
Property and equipment	
Furniture and fixtures	26,887
Accumulated depreciation	21,814
Total property/equipment	5,073
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$575,114</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 94,155
Due Sulzberger chair	2,375
Accrued salaries	28,000
Unearned revenue	137,936
Total current liabilities	\$262,466
<b>Fund balances</b>	
Restricted funds	384,868
Unrestricted funds	(72,220)
Fund balances	312,648
<b>Total liability and funds</b>	<b>\$575,114</b>

**Table III.** Society for Investigative Dermatology Income  
Statement, Year Ended December 31, 1989

<b>Income</b>		
Dues	\$108,050	19.1%
Registration fees	204,336	36.1%
Interest income	19,838	3.5%
Abstract fees, 1990	9,455	1.7%
Contributions	44,191	7.8%
Journal income	165,243	29.2%
Other income	14,945	2.6%
Total Income	\$566,058	100.0%
<b>Expenses</b>		
SID office	145,071	25.6%
JID office	100,033	17.7%
National meeting	307,506	54.3%
Committees	30,025	5.3%
Regional meetings	17,875	3.2%
Publishing	238,438	42.1%
Total expenses	\$838,948	148.2%
Net income (loss)	(272,890)	-48.2%
Beginning fund balance at January 1, 1989	200,670	
Unrestricted fund balance at December 31, 1989	(72,220)	

**Table IV.** Current Cash Assets, December 31, 1989

	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985
General fund	\$182,169	\$215,453	\$339,426	\$306,198	\$280,605
Named fund					
BEERMAN	\$49,846	\$46,424	\$45,542	\$44,011	\$42,758
BLANK	\$39,583	\$36,494	\$34,267	\$33,160	\$31,896
MONTAGNA	\$57,176	\$53,442	\$50,650	\$48,369	\$46,212
JID endowment	\$238,804	\$158,946	\$42,215	\$10,750	\$6,200
Kanof	\$2,046	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$569,624</b>	<b>\$510,759</b>	<b>\$512,100</b>	<b>\$442,488</b>	<b>\$407,671</b>

**Table V.** Membership, The Society for Investigative  
Dermatology, April 15, 1990

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Active	1400	1332	1292	1141	1335
Patron	137	153	177	191	188
Individual	24	20	19	14	14
Corporate	27	22	27	27	28
ESDR/SID	18	20	15	14	27
Resident/fellow transfers	61	53	45	27	64
Honorary	58	61	64	65	57
Total membership	1725	1661	1639	1479	1713
US residents/fellows	900	900	900	900	936
Grand total	2625	2561	2539	2379	2649
New members, included in above figures	205	100	118	97	160

no change; Committee on Research Fellowships, Karen Holbrook and Mary Williams.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Office** Angela Welsh presented data which included 1989 financial information, membership statistics, and meeting attendance data (see Tables I-V). The 1989 unrestricted fund balance was at a deficit of \$72,220. In effect, to make up for this deficit we had to expend 1990 dues, which should be used to cover our 1990 operating expenses. Our restricted funds, namely, the JID Endowment, Named, and Kanof Funds accounts are at \$387,455. Regarding membership and meeting attendance statistics, it was noted that 20% of our members are from non-US countries, 78% of members held an M.D. degree, 15% held a Ph.D. degree, 5% held both M.D./Ph.D. degrees, and 2% held other degrees. In addition, 160 new members—a record number—had been recruited this year due primarily to more intensive recruiting activities by the Society.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Membership regarding new members, who were then elected for membership to the Society.

**Meetings** Angela Welsh presented statistical information on the regional meetings and the Board reviewed the reports submitted by the regional presidents and chairpersons. The budget for the 1990 annual meeting was reviewed. It was expected that based on the large number of non-members attending this meeting that we could expect to make a profit. A record number of individuals had attended the annual meeting—930—more than at any previous meeting with the exception of the 1989 Tricontinental Meeting. Five hundred and sixty-six abstracts had been submitted for presentation.

**Other Business** The Board voted to amend the minutes of the April, 1989 Meeting of the Board of Directors to include corrected information concerning the American Academy of Dermatology's restructuring. The minutes of the December, 1989 meeting were approved unanimously.

Letters received from several members expressing concern about the registration fees for residents and fellows were discussed. David Bickers stated that those fees would be re-evaluated after the actual meeting costs could be determined.